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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takayuki SUGAHARA

Group Art Unit: 2613

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Examiner: LEE, Y YOUNG

For:

REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING

USER MODIFIABLE PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION (as

amended)

## AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed May 4, 2004, enclosed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination. The present amendment is provided in support of said Request.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page of this paper.

Remarks relevant to the present response begin at page 14 of this paper.